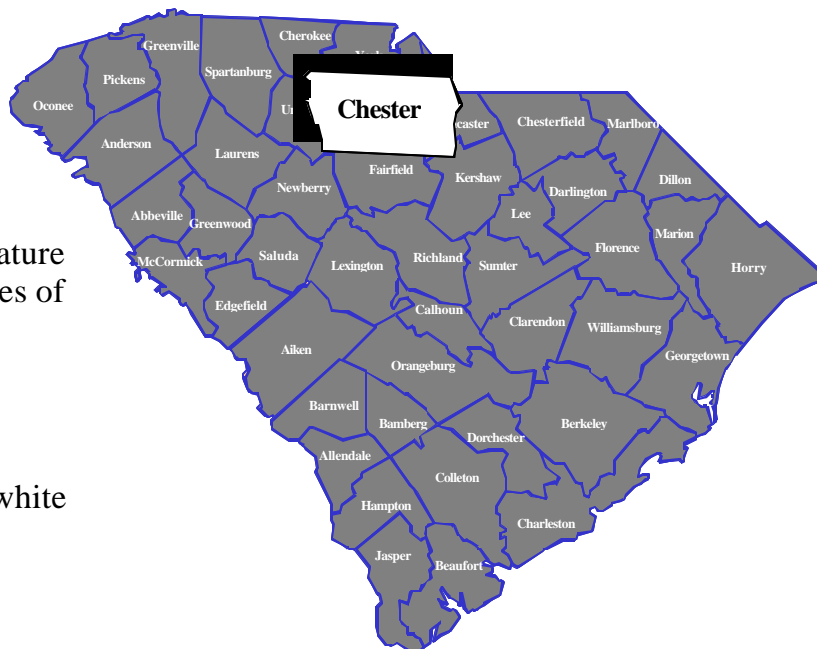


# Spotlight on Chester County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the North Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Fairfield, Lancaster, Union, and York Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 60.8 degrees and experiences 46.88 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- Equaled approximately 34,055 in 2001
- Comprised of 59.9% white and 40.1% nonwhite
- Median age was 36.0 years old
- Estimated to grow to 37,300 by 2005

## Labor Force

- Decreased from 15,790 in 2001 to 14,940 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 10.3% in 2001 to 13.4% in 2002

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 12,940 in 2002

## Per Capita Income

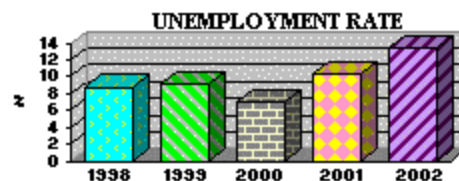
- Per capita income for the County was \$19,800 in 2001
- It was 80% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Chester Workforce Center paid \$5,677,337 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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